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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: ROC TARIFFS ON WATER
COOLERS

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING ALLEGED TARIFF OF 82.8 PERCENT AND ADDITIONAL TAXES OF 12.42 PERCENT APPLIED TO IMPORTED WATER COOLERS.
2. CHECK WITH MOST RECENT CUSTOMS IMPORT TARIFF OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHOWS TARIFF OF 46 PERCENT APPLICABLE TO WATER COOLERS, CLASSED WITH QUOTE COLD DRINK MACHINERY UNQUOTE, ROC TARIFF NUMBER 85.15 (B). ASSUMING 20 PERCENT PRICE UPLIFT, EFFECTIVE RATE WOULD STILL BE MARGINALLY OVER 55 PERCENT. ACTUAL LEVEL OF ADDITIONAL TAXES -- AND PARTICULARLY COMMODITY TAX -- CANNOT BE DETERMINED IN WASHINGTON.
3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT EFFEC-

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TIVE DUTY RATE AND ADDITIONAL TAXES APPLICABLE TO IMPORTED
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